

TITLE IV-E REVIEW

Background	<p>Title IV-E is a federal funding stream that provides matching funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Maintenance for family foster care, group care, shelter care and adoption subsidy (both DHS and JCS cases)❑ Training for staff and foster parents❑ Field Operations and General Administration <hr/>
IV-E Eligibility	<p>IV-E eligibility is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ AFDC eligibility requirements in effect on 7-16-96❑ Child's placement in a fully licensed placement❑ Court order language <hr/>
Review Purpose	<p>The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducts IV-E reviews to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Determine compliance with the child and provider eligibility requirements❑ Validate the basis for a state's IV-E claims <hr/>
Review dates	<p>Week of September 17 – 21, 2001</p> <hr/>
Scope of review	<p>An 80 case sample of children with IV-E claims for services between October 2000 and March 2001</p> <hr/>
Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Iowa's case files were well organized and easy to follow, staff were very knowledgeable about Title IV-E, and Judges were available to help interpret court orders.❑ Iowa's Title IV-E foster care program was not in "substantial compliance" with federal requirements. Deficiencies included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ AFDC eligibility were incorrectly determined and/or inadequately documented▪ Court order findings did not meet federal criteria▪ Criminal records checks were not done in all cases prior to placement <hr/>
Ineligible claims	<p>As a result of the review, Iowa had a disallowance of \$156,945 in federal financial participation under Title IV-E.</p> <hr/>
Program Improvement Plan (PIP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ As a result of the review, DHS developed a PIP in coordination with the Court Improvement Project and Juvenile Court Services.❑ The PIP addresses all of the deficiencies identified in the review.❑ The PIP must be fully implemented by January 24, 2003. <hr/>

- Secondary IV-E Review** ACF will conduct a secondary review sometime after September 30, 2003.
- ❑ The review will cover the time period April 1 through September 30, 2003.
 - ❑ The review will consist of a sample of 150 cases.
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IV-E Impact -- Financial Summary	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>IV-E Funds</u>
	FY 2000 Actual	\$52.5 M
	FY 2001 Actual	\$49.6 M
	FY 2002 Original Budget	\$57.3 M
	FY 2002 Projected ¹	\$43.6 M

- Improvement Activities** Since the IV-E Review:
- ❑ The Court Improvement Project provided training to 190 judges
 - ❑ DHS assigned dedicated IV-E eligibility staff and redesigned the eligibility determination process
 - ❑ DHS is clarifying policy in key areas to increase understanding
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- Bottom Line** Child Welfare System is under tremendous stress
- ❑ State and federal funding for services is \$23 M lower than in FY 01
 - ❑ State funding for field staff was reduced by \$800,000, while federal funding is \$3 M lower than projected for FY 02
 - ❑ Demand for child welfare and juvenile justice services is up – we are seeing more children and families, with more serious problems

¹ Reflects reduction in percentage of children eligible for IV-E funding